

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The previously submitted abstract has been amended as set forth below. A clean version of the amended abstract is being submitted herewith on a separate sheet.

Amended Abstract

A user interface for a sample analyzer ~~having~~ has a computer with a video screen provided with an image displaying area for displaying an image of sample characteristics, and an item displaying area for displaying a list of individually selectable items for which an image of sample characteristics is displayable in the image displaying area. A user may drag-and-drop items from the item list onto the image displaying area using an input device connected to the computer. A dropped item is appended to an existing item and both items are recognized as belonging to the same group when the existing item is located at the same position as the dropped item. Group editing ~~means~~ is performed on items belonging to the same group.